



1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Upcoming Charity/Community Events at The Ongar Academy

A mark of a truly outstanding school is when the students, themselves, start to ask the school if they can get involved in charity events and support the local community. As the Headteacher, I believe it is my responsibility to sometimes honour a student's request. Therefore, I am pleased to announce three events that are taking place before half term.

Community/Charity Event Number 1 - Hope Mitchell (Year 8)

World Cancer Day on Monday 4th February



Hope will be organising a **"Think Pink"** bake sale. This is an amazing opportunity to raise money for an excellent charity. This event will happen on Monday 4th February, during lunchtime in the Canteen.

Community/Charity Event Number 2 - Emily Webber (Year 10)



**Hope Joy Stringer - #CancerHasNoHope
Basketball Tournament – Friday 8th February**

Emily hopes, with a number of fundraising efforts, to help raise money for Hope, who is 27 years old and was in remission for three years until Monday 10th December 2018. Hope now has metastasised secondary cancer of the lung and lymph nodes and needs to take action urgently. Unfortunately, the life-saving treatment needed for her very rare Sarcoma is not available on the NHS. On the 8th February there will a whole school basketball tournament, Teachers vs. Students. This is happening during 5th period on the Friday. It will cost 50p to play or 50p to watch. As well as this there will be food and drinks being sold while the match is on, so don't forget to bring extra money for refreshments. To sign up to play/watch please can students give their names to their tutors.

Nails

For Year 7 & 8's, Miss Matchett and Miss Luckie will be hosting another Nail Salon after school on the 8th February. A poster and sign-up sheet will be sent around to Year 7 and 8 Tutors. It will be first-come, first-serve for 30 places at £2.00 each to get your nails painted.

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Non-Uniform

There will be a non-uniform day on the 15th February. We ask the students bring £1 to take part in this event to help raise money for Hope.

Community/Charity Event Number 3 – Eshan Davies

There will be an Enterprise Challenge to raise money for a homeless charity. It will involve the students receiving a 'start up loan'. The challenge is that students have to create a small business and generate income and raise money for charity.

Next term I will writing to you with even more activities and events from Amelia Stanley in Year 10. The Ongar Academy is such a unique and wonderful school community and it has given me such great pleasure in writing a letter such as this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Osborne
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